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SUBJECT: VISIT TO GREECE OF SWAZILAND PRIME MINISTER DLAMINI

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1. PRIME MINISTER MAPHEVU DLAMINI PAID A TWO-DAY UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO GREECE IN WHAT AMOUNTED TO LITTLE MORE THAN A PLEASANT RESPITE DURING HIS TOUR TO SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN AND MID-EASTERN NATIONS (REFTEL). ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED AS A TRANSIT STOPOVER, THE ATHENS VISIT DID PROVIDE PRIME MINISTER DLAMINI AND HIS ACCOMPANYING GROUP THE OCCASION FOR SOME VERY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR GREEK COUNTERPARTS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS. FOR THEIR PART, THE GREEKS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THE VISITORS ON GREEK VIEWPOINTS CONCERNING GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE SENSITIVE AEGEAN SEA AND THE CYPRUS ISSUES. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AN MFA SOURCE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE VISIT, NO FORMAL AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED.

2. COINCIDING AS IT DID WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' OWN TRIP ABROAD, AND WITH THE NATIONAL NOVEMBER 17 COMMEMORATION OF THE 1973 ANTI-JUNTA UPRISING AT THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, DLAMINI'S PRESENCE GENERATED LITTLE LOCAL PUBLICITY. NEVERTHELESS, OUR MFA SOURCE REPORTS THE SWAZILAND PRIME MINISTER MADE A FAVORABLE
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IMPRESSION ON THE GREEK OFFICIALS HE MET WHO FOUND

HIM BOTH INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE IN THEIR EXCHANGES
WITH HIM. AMONG THE PROTOCOLARY OFFERINGS WERE A
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CONSTANTINE TSATSOS AND A
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TRIKOUPI
WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY COMMERCE MINISTER VARVITSIOTIS,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF COORDINATION KONTOGEORGHIS AND OTHER
SENIOR GREEK OFFICIALS.
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